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SETTING UP OF SANITARY MARKETS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to finance Panchayats for setting up of sanitary markets at the district level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether setting up of these markets is one of the component of the sanitation policy;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the number of such markets set up in the country and the mode of functioning of such markets;

(f) whether the latest designs and articles are available at such markets; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SMT. RITA VERMA)

(a) to (g): As per the provision of the Guidelines of the Central Rural Sanitation Programme under Total Sanitation Campaign (TSC), funds are released to the Implementing Agencies at the District level. Setting up of Rural Sanitary Marts/Production Centres is one of the components of the TSC. As per the existing Guidelines and in accordance with the project proposals, upto 5% of the total project cost is provided to implementing agencies for alternate delivery mechanism (Production Centres/Rural Sanitary Marts). As on date 840 Rural Sanitary Marts/Production Centres have been sanctioned in the pilot districts. Establishment of Rural Sanitary Marts are for awareness generation, motivators training, social mobilisation, etc. and also to meet the demand of low cost sanitary materials.